

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Implement the
California Renewables Portfolio Standard
Program.

Rulemaking 04-04-026
(Filed April 22, 2004)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
REQUIRING SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS FOR
BENCHMARKING TIME OF DELIVERY PROFILES AND REVISING
SCHEDULE FOR COMMENTS ON REPORTING ISSUES**

In accordance with Ordering Paragraph (OP) 5 of Decision (D.) 05-12-042, a schedule should be set in this proceeding for developing a method for benchmarking and evaluating the utilities' time of delivery (TOD) profiles, using publicly available data. Since the large utilities'¹ 2006 Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) requests for offers (RFOs) will utilize TOD profiles calculated with similar methodology², it would be useful for the development of the benchmarking method to coincide with the consideration of the large utilities' 2006 RPS procurement plans and RFOs.

¹ In the wake of the setting of RPS standards for small and multi-jurisdictional utilities by D.05-11-025, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) and Southern California Edison Company (SCE) will be collectively referred to as the "large utilities," in any context where there is a chance of confusion from use of the single word, "utilities."

² See OP 4 of D.05-12-042.

PG&E, SDG&E, and SCE should therefore submit proposals on the following schedule. Each proposal should include at a minimum:

- goals for the TOD benchmarking process in the context of RPS procurement;
- criteria for evaluating the success of the benchmarking process;
- identification of the publicly available data expected to be used;
- analysis of issues related to the data to be used (e.g., ease of access, ease of use, frequency of updating);
- benchmarking methodology;
- utilization of the benchmarks developed.

Schedule

The schedule for submitting benchmarking and evaluation proposals will overlap that for 2006 RPS procurement plans and draft RFOs, as follows:

Large utilities file and serve TOD benchmarking/evaluation proposals	1/17/06
Comments on proposals filed and served	1/31/06
Reply comments on proposals filed and served	2/15/06

The schedule for submitting comments on reporting issues, set in the Assigned Commissioner and Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Requiring Submission of RPS Procurement Plans, Draft Requests for Offers, and Transmission Ranking Cost Reports for 2006 (ACR) (November 9, 2005), was predicated on a workshop on reporting issues being held in December 2005. Since the reporting workshop is now expected to be held in January 2006, the previous schedule for comments on reporting issues should be rescinded. A new

schedule for comments on reporting issues will be issued after a firm date for the workshop has been set.

IT IS RULED that:

1. PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E shall submit their proposals for benchmarking and evaluating the TOD profiles of the large utilities, using publicly available data, according to the schedule set forth above.

2. The schedule for submitting comments on reporting issues, set in the November 9, 2005 ACR is rescinded.

Dated December 27, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ANNE E. SIMON
Anne E. Simon
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Requiring Submission of Proposals for Benchmarking Time of Delivery Profiles and Revising Schedule for Comments on Reporting Issues on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated December 27, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s. JANET V. ALVIAR

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